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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 14-21 were pending in this application.

Claims 3, 7-13, and 15-19 have been allowed.

Claims 20 and 21 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 have been rejected.

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended as shown above.

Claim 22 has been added.

Claims 1-13 and 15-22 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-13 and 15-22 are respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3, 7-13, and 15-19 have been allowed. These claims have not been amended and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

The Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the elements of Claim 20. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is allowable. The Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 2, and 4-6.

In addition, the Applicant has amended Claim 20. The amendments to Claim 20 incorporate many of the elements from Claim 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 20 is patentable. The Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 20 and 21.

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II. NEW CLAIM

The Applicant has added new Claim 22. The Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. The Applicant respectfully requests entry and full allowance of Claim 22.

III. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that all pending claims in the application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

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SUMMARY

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@davismunck.com.

Please charge \$194.00 to cover the cost of this AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application (including any extension of time fees), please charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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